

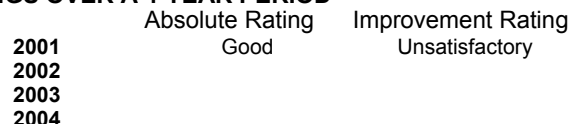
ABSOLUTE RATING: Good

IMPROVEMENT RATING: Unsatisfactory

Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 65.

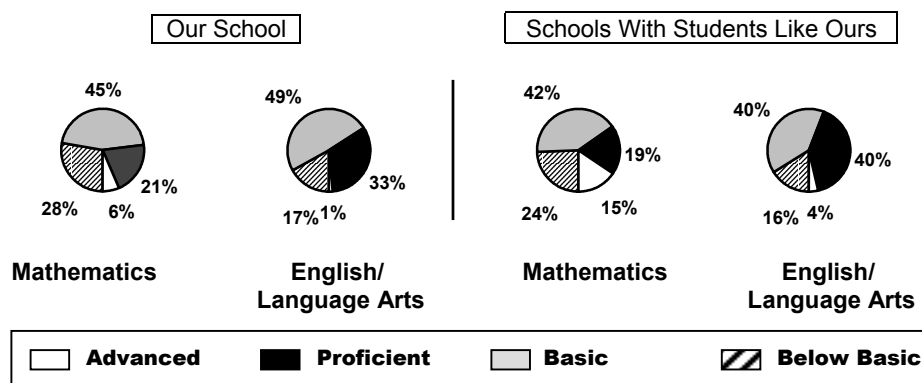
The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from average to excellent. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to good.

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
All students (n=141)	83	72.3	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=21)	N/A	N/A		
Students without disabilities (n=116)	91.4	79.7		
Gender				
Male (n=75)	81.3	69.2		
Female (n=62)	90.3	76.2		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=N/A)	N/A	N/A		
Hispanic (n=2)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=135)	85.2	72.7		
Other (n=N/A)	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=44)	79.5	63		
Pay for lunch (n=92)	89.1	77.7		

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

SCHOOL	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
• Dollars spent per student	\$7,952	N/A	\$5,199	\$5,347
• Prime instructional time	90%	Up from 89.2%	90.2%	90.2%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	16.9 to 1	N/A	19.6 to 1	18.7 to 1
STUDENTS (n=306)				
• Attendance Rate	96.1%	Down from 96.7%	96.3%	96.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	0%	N/A	3%	4.1%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	0%	N/A	2.2%	3.1%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	97.8%	Up from 88.5%	95.3%	96.3%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	8.1%	Down from 10.5%	2.3%	3.6%
TEACHERS (n=25)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	8.9 Days	Up from 7.2	7.8 Days	7.6 days
• Attendance Rate	95.2%	Up from 93.7%	95.5%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	72%	Up from 64.3%	53.7%	47.7%
• Continuing contract teachers	84%	Up from 75.9%	86.4%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0%	Down from 3.4%	0%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	85.4%	Down from 92.6%	87.9%	87.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$42,613	Up 6.2%	\$38,735	\$37,520

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	62.5%	N/A	65.4%	65.3%
• Principal's years at the school	11	N/A	3	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	94.5%	N/A	98.8%	95.6%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
• On academic plans	30.7%	Up from 20.7%	33.5%	43.1%
• On academic probation	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	6.5%	Down from 16.7%	0.8%	1.1%
• Suspended or expelled	0	N/A	1	1
• Gifted and talented	12%	Down from 12.6%	19.1%	11.5%
• With disabilities other than speech	20.8%	Down from 21.9%	8%	8.4%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Keowee Elementary School has a long history dating back to the early 1900s. At that time, the school served students in grades one through eleven. The school configuration has changed through the years and since 1984, has served students in Kindergarten through grade five. Today, we serve approximately 315 students with about 25 of those students assigned to self-contained trainable handicapped and profoundly handicapped classes.

We are pleased with our successes and accomplishments this year. Some of these include:

- * Spring, 2000 PACT results indicate improvement in the areas of Math and English/Language Arts. State percentages for Below Basic were higher than the percentage of Keowee students scoring Below Basic.
- * Eight of the 5th grade strings students who participated in a solo ensemble contest scored in the top two categories.
- * Our six representatives to the regional Science Fair received either a silver or gold award. One of our students had a perfect score.
- * We were one of three schools named as a YouthTouch Pilot Site in South Carolina and received an innovative technology integration grant funded by Goldenrod Research.
- * Our entrepreneurship program sponsored by the Kauffman Foundation was continued with 4th and 5th grade students.
- * The Student Service Club sponsored several projects that supported the community.
- * More than 100 regular volunteers supported and enhanced programs at our school.
- * The School Improvement Council was instrumental in the improvement of our Walking Trail.
- * The PTO continues to be a strong force in the structure of our school.
- * A Keowee volunteer secured a grant from USGA to provide golf instruction by professionals for fifth grade students.

The teachers of Keowee Elementary School have worked very hard as our school successfully completed the 10-year accreditation process with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Most teachers attended one or more professional seminars and conferences this year. Many of them attended these professional meetings on Saturdays. We are very proud of their dedication. Five of our teachers are in the process of seeking National Board certification. Seventy-five percent of our teachers have finished their master's degree. Lee Ahern was selected Teacher of the Year by her colleagues.

The efforts of our PTO, SIC, and Volunteers contribute positively to our school. Their collaboration in conjunction with faculty, staff, parents, and students provide an excellent atmosphere conducive to learning.

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	100.0	97.9	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	95.8	93.8	
Satisfied with home-school relations	100.0	95.6	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Keowee Elementary
7051 Keowee School Road
Seneca, SC 29672

Grades K-5 Elementary School

Enrollment: 306 Students

Principal

Mrs. Ann Miller 864-885-5042

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Board Chair

Harry B. Mays, Jr. 864-972-2136



THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Average



South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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